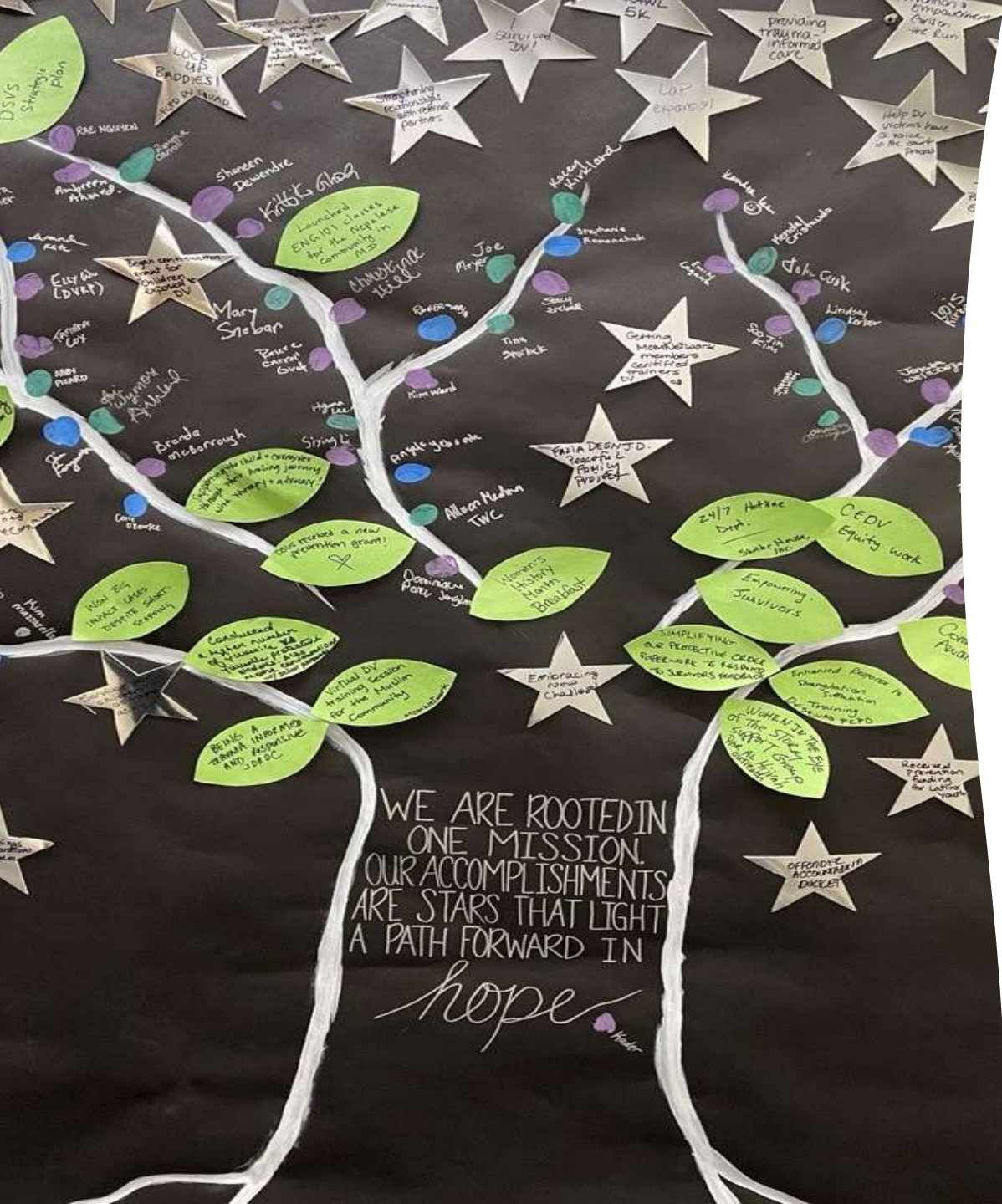


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Coordinated Community Response Updates



2023 DV/SV Annual Meeting!

We are rooted in one mission. Our accomplishments are stars that light a path forward.

**EVERY PERSON
EVERY VOICE**

DV/SV Community Service Professional of Excellence Award

Elly Wu

Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic
Violence Resource Project



DV/SV Community Team Excellence Award



Domestic Relations Intake Team:

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2023 DV/SV Community Vanguard Award

Judge Gayl Y. Branum Carr





Challenges & Emerging Issues in the Coordinated Community Response

Continue to see high number of immigrant clients, especially those from Central and South America. Many require language assistance.

Financial and affordable housing issues.

Uptick in women in partner abuse intervention programs (BIPS).

Dearth of mental health professionals for adults, teens, and children, especially for those who are non-English speaking

Similar trends seen in the sexual violence and human trafficking spheres.

Concerns around the handling of strangulation cases by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office



Coordinated Community Response Updates

LAP implementation expanded as of November 1st to include dating or sexual partners and to be used in cases where no arrest is made.

The first Sexual Violence Tier One training to be launched in February 2024.

GDC PO Packet approved by Judges and will be in use soon.

The final "map" of the JDRDC protective order process will be placed on the Council's website early 2024.

Community Conversations launched in Culmore in partnership with DSVS, Northern Virginia Family Services and Second Story.

The DV Network Training committee recently expanded its focus beyond DV and will cover training on DV & SV, human trafficking and stalking with additional focus on prevention.





A POST PANDEMIC LOOK

Meeting the Moment and Moving Beyond

JUNE 2023



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
FAMILY SERVICES



Emerging themes in client concerns

Increased danger

Increasing severity of injuries

Use of weapons

Children expressing concerns about guns in home

Strangulation and homicidal behavior

Mental health

Mental health services needed for all members of the family

Limited access and long waitlists for children's mental health services

Complex mental health needs including crisis support and substance use

Economic insecurity

Housing insecurity and homelessness

More families in need of support accessing food and other basic needs

Financial strain due to job loss

Key statistics in FY2022

6,900



Calls related to sexual or domestic violence were made to the 24/7 DSVS hotline, police department, or emergency shelter

495



Individuals were accepted into emergency shelter for domestic violence

931



Patients accessed exams to collect forensic evidence of sexual and/or domestic violence

276



Participants took part in programs for people who have used violence towards a family member or intimate partner

Continuing trends in FY2023

25%



Increase in calls made to the 24/7 Domestic and Sexual Violence Services hotline between FY21-FY23

213



Children present or nearby during an incident across 357 calls to the LAP hotline screened in as high danger

51%



Increase in arrests related to strangulation

45%



of all homicides in Fairfax County were domestic-violence related

Equity: Not a Level Playing Field

Every Person, Every Voice

Challenges

- Current and historic impact of government on communities can lead to lack of trust and limit access
- Community trauma due to systemic violence and increased hate-based violence towards BIPOC and immigrants
- Diverse population in Fairfax County have barriers to accessing culturally and linguistically relevant services

Achievements

- Council to End Domestic Violence
 - Equity Workgroup
 - Equity Retreat
 - Data project to assess populations underserved by DV/SV services in the county
- Services moving away from “one-size-fits-all” approach
- Agencies assessing and updating practices to address the needs of clients in more equitable ways

Moving into the future

- Elevating **coordinated community response to sexual violence**
- **Equity focused** practices to reduce barriers to accessing services for all
- Comprehensive data on **children and adolescents** including teen dating violence
- Partnering to improve mental health services for **children impacted by domestic violence**
- **Enhance prevention** efforts to promote safe and healthy relationships and communities



DATA ANNEX

Please note that a complete 45-page Data Annex is available upon request. Thank you to all of the organizations and agencies that collated and shared their data.



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